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METHODS OF ELICITING BROADLY NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES TARGETING HIV-1 GP41

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 29, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 25-28) for prosecution in the instant application with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction at least with respect to Group XII (claims 57-62). Applicants submit that claims 57-62 are methods of using polypeptide conjugates such as those claimed in claims 25-28. Upon notice of allowable subject matter of any of claims 25-28, Applicants submit claims to a method of using a polypeptide can be rejoined and examined. Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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